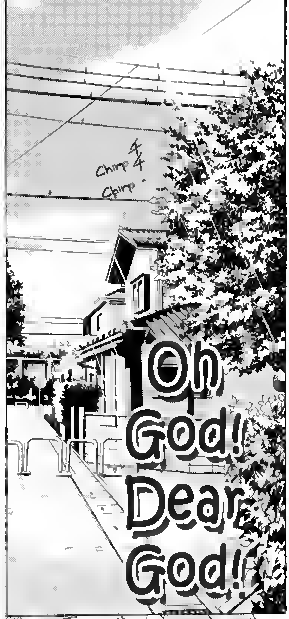

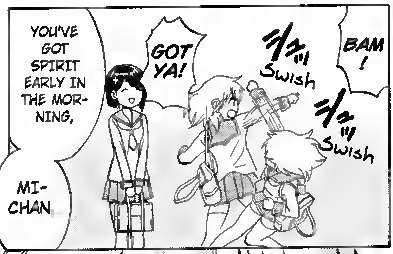

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WERE YOU PLAYING VIDEO GAMES ALL NIGHT AGAIN?
YOUR EYES ARE RED AS USUAL...
SNAP
YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT IT, HANA!
DREAMY
FROM THE DESTRU-CTION OF EVIL BEINGS !!
I WAS SAVING THE WORLD ...
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. SORRY.

HA! A CRIME AVENGER! STUPID!
WHA.
YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN DO THAT?
IT'S YOUR DREAM TO BECOME A CRIME AVENGER, ISN'T IT, MI-CHAN?
THAT'S RIGHT
CALL FOR ME WHEN YOU'RE IN TROUBLE TOO, HANA.
I'LL KICK YOUR BUTTS!!
魔王だ
EVIL DEMOS! HA! HA!
WHAT HAPPENED TO AVENGING CRIME.
THEY ALWAYS MAKE FUN OF ME.
IF YOU'RE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT IT, DON'T MIND THEM.
I KNOW, BUT...
YOU'LL BE JUST FINE, MI-CHAN ...

*YAOYOROZU SHOPPING DISTRICT

WH-WH-WHY DID A SHOPPING DISTRICT SUDDENLY APPEAR?!
わ WHA
わ WHA
わ WHA
わ WHA
HMM... SHOULD I TELL HER?
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THERE...
招き
ブック
DON'T YOU OFTEN BUY MANGA OVER THERE?
UH-UH
I WON-DER...
F-FOR REAL ...?
万商
WELL, I GET THAT FEELING...
HUH?
IT FEELS LIKE I KNOW IT AND LIKE I DON'T KNOW IT...
LIKE I'VE BEEN HERE A REALLY LONG TIME AGO...
A LONG TIME AGO?

IT FEELS LIKE A STRANGER HAS GOTTEN INSIDE MY HEAD!!
もぞもぞする!!
BUZZING
IT MUST BE LACK OF SLEEP.
AHHH, I GUESS ..
WHY DON'T YOU REST IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE?
スッ
WHOOSH
レロ
SPARKLE

JUST SLEEP UNTIL LUNCH.
I'LL TELL THE TEAC-HER.
YEAH, THANKS.
保健室
NURSE'S OFFICE
Chatter Chatter
SEE YA..
SHUT
IT'S REALLY BOTH-ERING ME...
BUT...
Yawn
ふぁ あぁ あ
I'M TIRED

DOES BOTHER ME, AFTER ALL!!
IT REALLY
2-C
DING DONG
DING DONG
ぱちっ
BLINK
ゴゴゴゴゴ
RUMBLE RUMBLE
CHIK

SHE'S SO ATHLETIC, YET SHE HASN'T JOINED ANY CLUBS.
YOU WANT MI-CHAN TO JOIN THE BASKET-BALL CLUB?
SHE'D MAKE A GREAT PLAYER.
THAT'S WHY WE WANT YOU TO ASK KAMI-SHIRO
HUH ?
...HER MANAGER OR ANY-THING.
PLEASE ASK MI-CHAN ABOUT IT DIRECTLY.
I'M NOT...
YOUR FAMILY TOOK HER IN SO YOU LIVE TOGETHER, RIGHT? YOU MUST BE GOOD FRIENDS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I GET ALONG WITH HER...
BECAUSE MY PARENTS TELL ME TO.
HEY... ISN'T THAT KIND OF MEAN?
WELL, EXCUSE ME.
UH ..
NO WAY...
HANA ISN'T LIKE THAT.

THERE MUST BE A REASON...
THERE MUST BE A REASON FOR HANA TO ACT SO STRANGE.
はっ
COULD IT BE ...
IS THAT SHOPPING DISTRICT BEHIND THIS?
LUNCH BREAK IS OVER!
SLAM!

I THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS STRANGE.
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING HERE...
I'LL UNCOVER IT AND...
BRING HANA BACK TO NORMAL!!
IT'S HIDING A TERRIBLE CONSPIRACY!!
HEY, YOU DELINQUENT JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT.
JOLT!!

THE GUARDIAN GOD OF BUDDHISM ...?
IT'S LIKE THAT NAME HAS BEEN IMPRINTED IN MY BRAIN!
I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD ...
HEY, JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT,
YOU KNOW OUR TRUE IDENTITIES, RIGHT?

I KNEW IT...
!!
THIS SHOPPING DISTRICT ...
IS A SECRET EVIL ORGANI-ZATION?!
OH?
Swoosh
Swoosh
SCRATCH
COULD THIS...
HAVE TURNED INTO A PAIN?
BRING ...
HANA BACK TO NORMAL !!
BAM

GR...
AH!
...AB
THWAP
WHAT ARE YA GONNA DO?!
YOU PERVERT !!
AH...
THIS IS ANNO-YING.
WHAAAAAAAAAA

OH MY!
COFFEE
七福神
Dingaling
カラン
A SOUVE-NIR FOR YOU.
Flap
PERV !!
DON'T TOUCH MY BUTT!!
Flap
I TOLD HER I JUST WANTED TO TALK.
WHA
WHA
THAT METHOD DIDN'T WORK.

I'M NO GOOD AT EXPLAINING THINGS METHOD-ICALLY.
COME ON...
IF THE ENEMY HAS BROUGHT ME TO THEIR HIDEOUT...
Hanging
Stabbing
Choked
I'LL BE KILLED!!
SQUEAK
WHA!
OW!
THUMP
Bam
I GUESS THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY, HUH.
A... A SPYING DEVICE?
THE GOD OF WATER
HE WAS OBSER-VING YOU.
BUMP
WHAT IS THAT?

.....HMM HMM.....
OH?
HUH?
ARE YOU PLANNING TO GET RID OF ME BECAUSE I DIS-COVERED YOUR PLOT?!
THIS KID IS FUNNY !!
Ha ホ Ha ホ ホ Ha ホ Ha
AN EVIL ORGA-NIZA-TION?!
WE ARE
GODS.
HUH?
ぱたぱたぱた FLUTTER
IT'S THE OPPO-SITE.
ぶんぶん HEHHEH

WE ARE THE GODS...
THAT YOU HUMANS WORSHIP.
G...
GODS ...